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To: SACs Atlanta (100-5718) (100-5586)
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From: Director, FBI (100-438794) (100-106670) *b7c*

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✓ MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

7/1 ReATairtel 8/30/65 and letterhead memorandum (LHM) of the same date relating to the plans being made for King to undertake a syndicated newspaper column and radio program.

The Bureau desires that expeditious attention be afforded the investigation to identify the individual referred to as "John Barber (phonetic)" whom Andrew J. Young is attempting to recruit as King's assistant in connection with the proposed newspaper column and radio program.

When this individual is identified, the Bureau should be immediately furnished background data and any information of a subversive nature.

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Re: Airtels 8/30/65 and 9/2/65 and WAirtel 9/4/65
regarding the "John Barber" whose services King is allegedly
attempting to obtain to assist him in connection with a proposed
syndicated newspaper column and radio program.

The attention of the Atlanta, New York and New Haven
Offices is directed to New Haven airtel 8/24/64 captioned
"Communist Party, USA, Negro Question; Communist Influence
in Racial Matters, IS-C; Martin Luther King, Jr., SM-C."
This airtel transmitted a letterhead memorandum setting out
background information regarding one John Barber who, in September,
1962, was President of the New Haven Chapter of the NAACP. A
copy of this memorandum is being transmitted herewith to Washington
Field.

All offices furnish available information
which would establish whether the "John Barber" described in
New Haven airtel 8/24/64 is, in fact, the John Barber whose
services King is attempting to enlist to assist him with the
proposed syndicated newspaper column and radio program. Upon
receipt of such information, the Atlanta Office should prepare
a detailed letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination.

All offices expedite.

KBR:jas (14)

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TO BUREAU AND DALLAS

FROM LITTLE ROCK

TELETYPE

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., INFORMATION CONCERNING

TEXARKANA, ARK. ADVISED

NINE, TEN, SIXTYFIVE, SEVERAL PERSONS HAVE CONTACTED

HIM ASKING WHETHER KING IS IN TEXARKANA, ARK. AND TEXAS AND

WHETHER KING IS EXPECTED.

HE STATED THERE ARE NUMEROUS RUMORS THAT KING IS

IN TEXARKANA.

~~ONE~~ RUMOR IS THAT KING IS TO LEAD A DEMONSTRATION AT THE
FOUR STATE FAIR TO OPEN IN A FEW DAYS AT TEXARKANA, TEXAS.

ON NINE, NINE, SIXTYFIVE

CONTACTED TEXARKANA, AND

ASKED TO DETERMINE WHETHER KING WAS AT THE LOCAL HOLIDAY
INN OR HOWARD JOHNSON MOTEL, REFUSED.

STATED SEVERAL RUMORS WERE HEARD THAT THE
TEXARKANA TEXAS NATIONAL GUARD HAD BEEN ALERTED FOR THE
ARRIVAL OF KING.

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
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Miss Gandy	

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[REDACTED] KING ENROUTE TEXARKANA.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE LITTLE ROCK AND DALLAS IF ANY
INFORMATION AVAILABLE KING TO VISIT TEXARKANA AND POINT OUT TO
LITTLE ROCK AND DALLAS WHAT INFORMATION IF ANY CAN BE FURNISHED TO
LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN THE EVENT BUREAU HAS INFORMATION KING
ENROUTE TEXARKANA AREA.

END.

CC Bate 808 RB

DL TO BE ADVISED.

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RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-40164) (P)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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Re Atlanta radiogram, dated 9/3/65, captioned as above.

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No further investigation being conducted by WFO concerning this matter.

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furnished the information concerning the contact between
DORA MC DONALD and CLARENCE JONES and [REDACTED] the
contact between JONES and MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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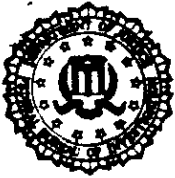
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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 2, 1965, that on that date Dora McDonald, Secretary to Martin Luther King, Jr., at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), instructed Clarence Jones to get together with Stan (Levison) and prepare two speeches for King. She indicated that one of the speeches is to be given at a District 65 (of the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union, Congress of Industrial Organizations) function on September 17, 1965 and that the other would be for a later appearance by King in New York.

Mc Donald stated that the District 65 affair is a family type function because they want King, who is to be the main speaker, to bring his wife and children.

Jones advised that he would take care of the speech assignments but would like to go over a few things with King.

Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, later advised on September 2, 1965, that on that date Clarence Jones was in contact with Martin Luther King, Jr. According to the source, Jones and King discussed the formation of a tax-exempt corporation of the SCLC which should increase donations to the SCLC. King

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stated that the SCLC has received many letters inquiring if the SCLC is tax-exempt and stating that the senders would make a larger contribution if it was tax-exempt. King said he suggested a name such as SCLC Institute of Nonviolence but wants to discuss it with the Research Committee (consisting of King and his top advisers).

King was concerned that if the corporation is separate from the SCLC it will hinder their operation rather than help. Jones said he was concerned that unless it has a definite relationship to the organization, it may become a personal platform for Harry (Wachtel). He said it has to be closely aligned with the SCLC regardless of what form it takes.

Jones, with King's urging, promised to have a full discussion with Harry (Wachtel). Jones said he was concerned with the problem of having an independent operation in which he (Wachtel) could act without having any responsiveness to the organization and King agreed. King said that Harry wants to be the Executive Vice President and house the operation in his own office, which is agreeable to him, but that they cannot build something for Harry because he would center it around himself. He expressed the hope that Jones can convey this to Harry.

King asked whether Dora McDonald contacted Jones about the speeches. He confirmed that she did and said he would be getting together with Stan (Levison) on both of them. King felt this was good.

King remarked that he is getting ready to move into Chicago that he feels they will bring a creativity to the situation that will help. King said they still have problems in the South and cited Natchez, Mississippi. Jones said he was convinced more and more that non-violence was the only way for the broad mass of Negroes in this country, in spite of the intellectuals and radical revolutionaries in the North.

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Communist Influence in Racial Matters

Clarence Jones

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel
to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights,
15 East 40th Street, New York, New York.



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The Labor Youth League has been
designated pursuant to Executive
Order 10450.

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Communist Influence in Racial Matters

Harry Wachtel

Harry Wachtel is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, New York, New York.

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A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.

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With respect to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, it is to be noted that this organization is an adjunct of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), of which Martin Luther King, Jr. is the president and serves to raise funds for the SCLC.

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Communist Influence in Social Matters

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.)
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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RE: Newark teletype 9/3/65.

The telephone call to Grace Van Vorst Episcopal Church revealed no identity and no pretext was used.

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It is to be noted the priests of Grace Van Vorst Church, Jersey City, have been extremely active in racial matters and civil rights cases. As a result, no direct contact was made at the church to specifically determine STEIN's background and activities due to the original source of information secured.

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No additional investigation is being conducted by Newark, since STEIN is returning to New York City. NYO should, therefore, continue their investigation to find out background and activities of STEIN.

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**WILLIAM S. STEIN
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On August 24, 1965, a telephone call was directed to the Grace Van Vorst Episcopal Church, Second and Erie Streets, Jersey City, New Jersey, telephone number 659-2211. It was ascertained that William S. Stein had the title of Captain in the Church Army of the Episcopal Church out of Brooklyn, New York, and was working at the Vacation School at the Grace Van Vorst Church until September 3, 1965. At this time he was residing at the church residence, 278 Second Street, Jersey City, New Jersey.

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[REDACTED] Clifton, New Jersey, advised b7(D)
[REDACTED] there was no record b7(C)
for William S. Stein.

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TO: SACS, LITTLE ROCK
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FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C

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SEPTEMBER TWELVE - SIXTEEN, SIXTY-FIVE. NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE
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RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
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The Attorney General

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September 10, 1965

Director, FBI

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

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A confidential source of this Bureau who has supplied reliable information in the past has furnished the following information concerning the current relationship between Martin Luther King, Jr., President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and Stanley David Levison. Levison, a frequent advisor of King's, is a long-time communist whose secret membership in the Communist Party, USA, has been established as recently as July, 1963.

On September 6, 1965, King conferred with Levison regarding an article which is scheduled to appear in "The New York Times Magazine" sometime in the future. The article which will be attributed to King will deal with the civil rights movement in general and the recent riot in Los Angeles, California, in particular.

Levison requested King's comments regarding the draft of this article which he had prepared at King's request. King stated that he thought the article was good but he indicated that he desired to change a few points. Specifically, King mentioned the statement at the end of the article which inferred that the only way to solve the Negro problem was to have a march of 100,000 people and the statement that none of the major cities have good mayors. King felt that the latter statement should read "Only a few major cities have good mayors, Mayor Allen of Atlanta, Georgia, being one of them." King further referred to the statement that the riots cast light on the imperfections of the civil rights movement. King commented that this statement was too strong and would expose him to the criticism of other civil rights leaders. King and Levison agreed that this statement should be modified.

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The Attorney General

and should read that the riots exposed the imperfections of the civil rights movement as well as those factions in the "social-economic" life of the community. [S]

The above information is also being furnished to Honorable Marvin Watson, Special Assistant to the President. [U]

- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. John Dear
Assistant Attorney General

NOTE:

Classified "Secret" because the source of the information, [REDACTED], is a highly sensitive source of continuing value concerning racial matters and communist infiltration thereof. The unauthorized disclosure of the information could endanger the security of the source and thus possibly do injury to the defense interests of the nation. Above information contained in New York airtel 9/8/65 captioned "CIRM." [S] b(2) b7(D)

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 8-30-65

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING
"FACE THE NATION"
TV PROGRAM
WTOP - AUGUST 29, 1965

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M.A. Jones
N. J. Williams

Martin Luther King was interviewed on "Face the Nation" at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday.

The interview opened when he was questioned concerning his intentions to enter the issue of peace in Vietnam. He was asked if he realized that private citizens are prohibited through the Logan Act from participating in international affairs. He said he did not know of the Act when he made a statement that he contemplated writing letters to international leaders concerning the war in Vietnam. He said he is not planning to go to Vietnam but something may occur in the future which would cause him to reverse his stand. He claimed that part of his heritage as a American is to take a stand on basic issues and that dissent should not be confused with disloyalty. He indicated that Ambassador Goldberg has invited him to discuss the peace issue in Vietnam with him.

He was asked if he can anticipate any difficult problems in the civil rights movement within the next few years. King asserted that although great strides have been made through legislation, these acts only declare rights they do not deliver. He feels that the employment provisions of the act will pose the greatest problems. King admitted that President Johnson has done a great job on civil rights but that the solution will require much larger programs than have been enacted.

He was asked concerning the high rate of illegitimate births among Negroes and whether he would favor a Government birth control program to solve the problem. King asserted that this is not only a Negro problem but a worldwide issue and that the Government should deal with the causes which have robbed the Negro male of his manhood.

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - Mr. Sullivan

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M. A. Jones to DeLoach Memo
RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING

When asked if there will be more riots similar to those which occurred in Los Angeles, King said that if a massive program is not devised to improve the lot of the Negro masses there will be more riots. In answer to a query concerning where these riots are likely to occur, King named New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland and Washington, D. C. He said that Washington presents the greatest potential for possible riots. He feels that the issue of home rule is part of the right to vote issue and that unless home rule is granted in the District a conflagration will occur. King said he will closely follow developments in Congress, and if home rule is not passed, he will urge that a "massive" march on Washington be conducted.

King stated he believes nonviolence is the best approach toward Negro dissatisfaction, and he plans to double and triple his efforts toward nonviolence to resolve these conflicts. He felt that a separate Negro party is not necessary now although the Mississippi Freedom Party was necessary at the time that it was organized.

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Fair Oaks, California

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Dear

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FBI

Your letter of September 2nd was received during Mr. Hoover's absence; however, it will be brought to his attention upon his return. I know he would want me to thank you for your kind comments regarding his work.

Your offer to be of assistance to the FBI was most generous; however, there is no way in which Mr. Hoover can authorize you to act in any capacity for this Bureau. All citizens can be of assistance, however, by referring to proper authorities information they have of a criminal or subversive nature. If you receive such information, please feel free to contact representatives of our office located at 450 Golden Gate Avenue, Box 36015, San Francisco, California 94102.

Sincerely yours,

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Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

1 - San Francisco - Enclosure

NOTE: Our letter of 8-27-65 furnished correspondent Thomas J. Dodd's speech delivered 2-25-65 together with an excerpt from the Appropriations Testimony, 3-4-65, regarding the Communist Party, USA. He was previously written by in-absence reply, and this letter appears warranted in view of his comments touching upon the racial issue.

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Dear Mr Hoover:

The Congressional Record

that was sent to me out of your office

By Helen W. Gandy is well worth looking

Some of my friends read and still pass it on

I am sorry I can not make my letters brief

I am seventy one years of age and have

tried to keep up with your Record since just

after John Dillinger days. I think I can say

and be truthful that you have been proceeded

as much or more that is by County and State

Law. They should hang their heads in shame

No one with a sound mind wants to see anyone

violate a Law. but as I have said several times

before, and will say it many times over and over

Martin Luther King is a Communist along

with the Black Muslims. My opinion that

any man that is against our form of

Government is a Communist. Everyone makes

mistakes. I want to say Martin Luther King

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and I will assure you, That you have mine
I think our big trouble is still yet
to come.

Thanks for the Congressional Record,

Sincerely
with all my Respect

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With All My Respect

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Your letter of August 31st has been received.

In response to your inquiry, I would like to point out that information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to comment as you desire.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Washington D. C.

Dear Mr Hoover:

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Re Atlanta airtel and Letterhead Memorandum
to Bureau dated 8/30/65 captioned as above, and Bureau
O-7 dated 8/1/65.

Referenced Letterhead Memorandum, page 1,
paragraph 1, line 8, the word "KING" should correctly
read "YOUNG."

The Bureau and New York are requested to make
the foregoing change to their copies of referenced
Letterhead Memorandum. Atlanta copies are accordingly
changed.

- ④ - Bureau (3 - 100-442529) (CIRM) (RM)
(1 - 100-106670) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)
- 2 - New York (1 - 100-153735) (CIRM) (RM)
(1 - 100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)
- 4 - Atlanta (1 - 100-6670) (CIRM)
(1 - 100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)
(1 - 100-66704)
(1 - 157-821) (ANDREW YOUNG)

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